

Suisun Marsh: Current Status

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Suisun Marsh Building Momentum

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- Bay-Delta Accord (1994)
- Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Water Quality Control Plan (1995)
- Suisun Ecological Workgroup (1995 - 2002)
- Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Amendment 3 Negotiations (1995 -1999*)
- Suisun Marsh Flooding (1998)
- Suisun Marsh Levee Investigation Team (1998 -2000)

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- SWRCB D-1641 (1999)
- CALFED Record of Decision (2000)
- Suisun Marsh Charter (2000 – 2001)
- Development of Habitat Management, Preservation, and Restoration Plan for Suisun Marsh (2003 - _____)
- Making Science Work for Suisun Marsh (2004)

Development of Habitat Management, Preservation, and Restoration for Suisun Marsh

- Principal Charter Agencies
 - USBR: NEPA Co-Lead Agency
 - USFWS: NEPA Co-Lead Agency
 - NOAA Fisheries: NEPA Cooperating Agency
 - DFG: CEQA Lead Agency
 - SRCD: CEQA Responsible Agency
 - CBDA: CEQA Responsible Agency
 - DWR: CEQA Responsible Agency



SUISUN MARSH PLAN GOALS AND ISSUES

- Ecological Processes
- Habitats
- Levee System Integrity
- Non-Native Invasive Species
- Water and Sediment Quality
- Public Use and Waterfowl Hunting

Preliminary Goal 1: **Ecological Processes**

- Rehabilitate Natural Processes
- Support Aquatic and Terrestrial Biotic Communities and Habitats
- Favor native species
- Focus on Waterfowl and Sensitive Species

Preliminary Goal 1: Issues **Ecological Processes**

- Effects on Fish, Wildlife and Plants
- Subsidence of Leveed Areas
- Degradation of Infrastructure
- Isolation of Managed Wetlands and Suisun Marsh Plain from Tidal Influence

Preliminary Goal 2:

Habitats

- Protect, Restore, and Enhance Habitat Types
- Support Ecological Values
 - Species and Biotic Communities
 - Scientific Research
- Support Public Values
 - Recreation
 - Aesthetics

Preliminary Goal 2: Issues Habitats

- Reduced Availability of Habitat for tidal Marsh Dependent Species
- Impacts on Tidal Marsh Dependent Species
- Resource Management Conflicts
- Entrainment of Fish from Unscreened Water Diversions

Preliminary Goal 3: **Levee System Integrity**

- Maintain and Improve Suisun Marsh
Levee System Integrity
- Provide Long-term Protection for
Multiple Resources

Preliminary Goal 3: Issues

Levee System Integrity

- Difficult to Maintain Exterior Levees
 - Limitations on Material, High Costs and Other Constraints
- Lack of a Coordinated Emergency Response Plan

Preliminary Goal 4:

Non-Native Invasive Species

- Prevent the Establishment of Additional Non-native Species
- Reduce Ecological and Economic Impacts of Established Non-native Species

Preliminary Goal 4: Issues

Non-Native Invasive Species

- Abundance of Non-native Invasive Species in the Marsh
- Presence Detrimental to Native Species
 - Competition
 - Predation

Preliminary Goal 5:

Water and Sediment Quality

- Improve and/or Maintain Water and Sediment Quality
- Provide Good Quality Water for All Beneficial Uses
- Support Healthy and Diverse Aquatic Ecosystem
- Eliminate Toxic Impacts to Aquatic Organisms, Wildlife, and People

Preliminary Goal 5: Issues **Water and Sediment Quality**

- Methyl Mercury
- Effects of Planned Breaches or Levee Failures on Marsh and Delta Salinity Levels
- Low Dissolved Oxygen Levels
- Localized Higher Salinity and Decreased Tide Stage

Preliminary Goal 6:

Public Use and Waterfowl Hunting

- Maintain Waterfowl Hunting Heritage
- Maintain Surrounding Communities
- Increase Awareness of Marsh Ecological Values

Preliminary Goal 6: Issues

Public Use and Waterfowl Hunting

- Awareness of Suisun Marsh and Resources
- Potential Impacts on Waterfowl Hunting Heritage, and Hunting Success
- Landowner Willingness and Cooperation to Change Management
- Secondary Economic Impacts on the Local Economy
- Impacts to Unique Ecological and Cultural Characteristics

Suisun Marsh Moving Forward

2004

2007

Charter Goal:

Develop a regional plan that balances implementation of the CALFED Program, Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement, and other management and restoration programs within Suisun Marsh, in a manner responsive to the concerns of stakeholders and based upon voluntary participation by private land owners.

Suisun Marsh Planning Conceptual Model



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Issues ?

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